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NOTICE.

The Directors of the "Bombay Gazette" having decided to stop publishing the paper in its old form, have arranged to issue this sheet daily, pending other arrangements.

GOVERNMENT'S HOME RULE OFFER.

EXCLUSION OF ULSTER COUNTIES FOR SIX YEARS

POLL TO BE TAKEN.

MR. BONAR LAW UNSATISFIED.

Mr. Asquith has delivered his eagerly awaited Home Rule speech. Though he offers important concessions, Mr. Bonar Law has intimated that he is not satisfied, apparently expecting the sacrifice to be all on one side. Sir Edward Carson, however, admits that a step forward has been made. Briefly, the Premier suggests that the Ulsterites should be allowed to determine whether they desire to be excluded, and before the Bill becomes operative a poll of parliamentary electors of each Ulster county should be taken.

The electors would be asked, "Are you in favour of exclusion of the county for a period ?" If the majority's reply was in favour the county would be excluded. The Government are of the opinion that the term should be six years trom the meeting of the new Parliament.

BLOODSHED IN MEXICO.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS DEFEATED BY REBELS.

VERA CRUZ. March 9.

Five thousand rebels have defeated the Federals at Alta Mira. The latter are retreating to Tampico, whither the American, British and German warships are hastening.

LAREDO, March 9.

Captain Sanders, of the Eighth American Rangers, has recovered, apparently on his own initiative, the body of the missing American Vergara.

He found that Vergara had been twice shot through the head and once in the neck and his head was crushed, apparenty by a rifle-butt, the fingers of the left hand were also charred.

MEXICO CITY, Mar 9.

President Huerta has telegraphed a peremptory order to all the Federal commanders to begin an aggressive campaign to-day against the rebles in the north. The despatch contained a caution to give protection to foreigners, warning the recipients that they would be held responsible for any neglect of this.

LONDON, Mar. 9.

The case which Sir Cecil Spring-Rice has asked the American Consul at Chihuahua to investigate is that of a Boer ex-leader named Snyman, locally known as General Snyman.

Lord Tredegar intends to dispose of the greater part of his Breconshire estate, owing to the heavy death duties which have to be paid. He is however, anxious that tenants should become owners of their holdings, and s, it was stated last week at a rent audit, willing to assist them in every way.

TERRIBLE AMERICAN FIRE.

ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE MISSING IN CLUB BLAZE.

ST. LOUIS, March 9.

The eight-storey building of the Missouri Athletic Club has been burned with fatal results. A hundred people are missing and seven bodies have been found in the streets.

The Club is a very exclusive one.

The damage amounts to a million dollars.

The building is now a mass of bricks and twisted iron. The number of dead will not be known until the debris has been cleared away.

When the fire-brigade arrived, the entire building was in flames, and men and women were jumping to the street from all the floors to the roofs of smaller buildings adjoining that of the Club.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL.

ASTON VILLA'S NOTABLE VICTORY.

LONDON, March 9

The following are the results of the matches in the fourth round of the Football Association Cup :—

Sheffield Wednesday	0	Aston Villa	1
Liverpool	2	Queen's Park Rangers	1
Sunderland	0	Burnley	0
Manchester City	0	Sheffield United	0

SEMI-FINAL DRAW.

The following is the draw for the semi-final round of the Cup :—

Aston Villa versus Liverpool, at Tottenham.

Manchester City or Sheffield United versus Sunderland or Burnley on Manchester United's ground if Sheffield United are victorious; otherwise at Blackburn.

SEAMEN MUTINY

BOMBAY CAPTAIN APPEALS FOR HELP TO BATTLESHIP.

TOO TIRED TO WORK.

At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday before Mr. Frank Oliviera, Third Presidency Magistrate, J. C. Reilly, Carl Chossler, and Thomas Lodge, seamen of the s.s. Jersey Moor, stood charged at the instance of Captain Barton, master of the vessel, with continued wilful disobedience to lawful commands.

It was alleged that the accused signed the articles at Barry to serve the ship for three years. On Saturday last while the Jersey Moor was going out of the harbour on her way to Marseilles, the deck hands were ordered to take down the shifting board, when the three accused, it was stated, refused to carry out the order and said that they did not feel inclined to work, being tired. They were warned that they were bound to work according to their agreement, but they still persisted in refusing to obey orders, Captain Barton then communicated with H.M.S. Swiftsure, and an officer of that vessel boarded the Jersey Moor and tried to pursuade the men to work, but they still declined. The Captain thereupon had to turn his ship back and to anchor her in the stream on Sunday morning.

His Worship convicted the accused and sentenced them to eight weeks' rigorous imprisonment each, and to forfeit 6 days' pay each.

THIEVING POST OFFICE SEPOY:

The Bandra police, on receipt of the report of a theft of some cash from the house of a Purdesi residing at Bandra, arrested one Silal Ayir Burjor, a Purdesi sepoy in the General Post Office, Bombay, and searched his house at Variaho in the Punjab, but nothing incriminating was found there. On making further inquiries it was ascertained that Silal had sent a case by goods train to his native place and this box was, on arrival seized and searched, when a quantity of new clothing, alleged to have been purchased from the money which was stolen, as well as a coat and five tolas of "charas" were taken charge of by the police, who continuing their inquiries were able to trace the coat as having been stolen by one Ayer Nimur from another Purdesi sepoy in the General Post Office.

Ayer Nimur was, a few days ago charged by Inspector Smith before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court with the theft of the coat, and was sentenced to two weeks' rigorous imprisonment.

Excise Inspector Hudson on Saturday last charged Silal before the same magistrate with transporting five tolas of "charas" in contravention of the Abkari regulations. Accused pleaded guilty and was fined fifteen rupees, or in default to suffer 10 days' rigorous imprisonment.

The theft at Bandra is still under police inquiry.

MURDER OF A CHILD.

BODY FOUND IN A RAILWAY COMPARTMENT.

About a quarter of an hour after the arrival of a passenger train at Colaba, from Surat, on Sunday night, the sweeper found under the seat of a third-class compartment the dead body of a Hindu female child, aged about two months. The police were informed who had the body removed to the Morgue.

The body was wrapped in a piece of a dirty saree and was lying on its back. As all the passengers had cleared by the time the body was found the police could not trace the person who had left the body there.

THE PERSIAN TROUBLE.

PROVISION FOR MAJOR OHLSON'S WIDOW.

TEHERAN, March. 9

The Regent and the Government are each giving the widow of Major Ohlson £272,000. A committee of Persians is also subscribing for the presentation of a house in Sweden to Madame Ohlson.

GLASGOW TERRITORIAL RECRUITING.

A recruiting fortnight is to be inaugurated in Glasgow towards the end of this month, when an endeavour will be made to stimulate the strength of the Territorial Force in the city. The fortnight will be opened by a civic reception of the officers and men in the City Chambers by the Lord Provost. It is expected that a distinguished officer will attend as representative of the Secretary for War. Battalion and divisional marches will be engaged in and employers of labour are to be circularized.

It is announced that the millionth visitor to the circus and "Wonder Zoo" at Olympia will be presented with a £10 note. The number is accepted to be reached this week. The next two visitors will also receive presents.

MILITARY NEWS.

SOUTHERN COMMAND.

STAFF.

Lieut. H. P. J. Shaw, supply and Transport Corps, is posted to the Poona Brigade as Assistant to the Officer in Charge supplies.

Capt. G. L. Duncan, Indian Medical Service, is appointed to Medical Charge of the 90th Punjabis.

Lieut. C. M Plumptre. Indian Medical Service, is appointed to Medical Charge of the Cantonment Hospital, Neemuch.

Capt. E. A. Molesworth, 1st Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, to officiate as Station Staff Officer, Bellary.

Capt A. H. H. Muir, 15th Sikhs, is appointed Station Staff Officer, Loralai.

REGIMENTAL.

39th Central India Horse.—Lieut. E. T. R. Wickham to be Quarter Master vice Captain R. B. Edwards.

Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.—2nd Lieut C. G. R. Willians has been posted to the 2nd Battalion.

Shropshire Light Infantry.—2nd Lieut. H. Beacall has been posted to the 2nd Battalion.

20th Horse.—Capt. A. C. Ross to be officiating Squadron Commander.

15th Ludhiana Sikhs.—Major C. A. Vivian, Double Company Commander, to officiate as 2nd-in-Command, vice Major J. R. Carden granted leave.

The undermentioned Officers have been warned to embark for India to join their units:—

7th Dragoon Guards.—2nd-Lieut. R. L. Mann.

7th Hussars.—2nd-Lieut. J. B. Scott.

Colonel R. G. Burton. Indian Army, is permitted to reside ex India on completion of his tenure of Command.

The undermentioned Officers have been granted leave:—

Major A. A. Mercer, 2nd Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment, 2 months, in India, general.

Captain A. W. Hepper, Royal Engineers, Military Works Services, 8 months, ex India, combined.

Lieut.-Colonel W. A. Robinson, Royal Horse Artillery, 6 months, ex India Private Affairs.

Lieut. N. M. McLeod, Royal Horse Artillery, 90 days, ex India, privilege.

Lieut. F. Fitz-Gibbon, Royal Field Artillery, 163 days, ex India, private affairs.

Lieut. A. C. Crookshank, Royal, Field Artillery, 6 months, ex India, private affairs.

Lieut. Col. E. C. Ogilvie, Royal Engineers, 1 year, ex India, general. Capt. B. Burgess, Royal Engineers, 8 months, ex India, combined.

Major F. S. Lillie, 1st Battalion Royal Irish Regiment, 4 months, ex India, private affairs.

Lieut. L. K. V. Brown, 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment, 9 months, ex India, private affairs.

Capt J. L. Lockhart, 2nd Battalion, Hampshire Regiment, 6 months ex India, medical certificate.

Capt. J. C. F. Richards, 2nd Battalion Hampshire Regiment, 8 months, ex India. Private Affairs.

Capt. V. L. F. P. Jacksons, 27th Cavalry, 1 year ex India, private affair.

Lieut. G. D. Hill, 7th Hussars, 8 months, ex India private affairs.

Capt T. A. D. Best, 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11 months, ex India, general.

Major W. J. Venour, D. S. O., 1st Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 6 months ex India medical certificate.

Lieut. J. C. Pringle, 2nd Sappers and Miners, 6 months 17 days, ex India combined.

Capt. A. C. Anderson, 6th Jat Light Infantry, 8 months, ex india, combined.

Lieut. F. G. M. Wigley, 73rd Infantry 8 months, ex India, combined.

Major R. L. Crawford, Army Veterinary, Corps, 6 months ex India medical certificate.

Capt. J. A. Gardner, 60th company Royal Garrison Artillery, 8 months ex India, private affairs.

Capt. E. F. Shewell, No. 4 Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery, 6 months, ex India, private affairs.

Lieut. H. E. Lane, Royal Garrison Artillery, 8 months, ex India, private affairs.

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